2019 brought greater growth and stability to Ready At Five as we established our strategic plan to guide us in our future of building brighter tomorrows for Maryland’s young children. We welcomed two new Executive Leadership Committee (ELC) members in Patricia Marks and Kimberly Stokes who have become vital members of our leadership team. We launched a new Data Explorer on our website that allows users to compare School Readiness Data from across the state and we hope to continue to enhance this feature. The Town Halls that we conducted with the Maryland State Department of Education in the Spring allowed us to hear from the early childhood community throughout the state and their input has helped guide us in our quest to support all those that shape the futures of our children in Maryland. Together we can all build brighter tomorrows for our youngest learners.

“It’s important to support our coworkers and employees who are also working directly with young learners and their families. We cannot make a lasting impact on children by skipping over the adult in the middle – Ready At Five’s School Readiness Symposia remind us of the importance of this.”

SCHOOL READINESS SYMPOSIUM ATTENDEE

The Early Years Shape Futures and Build Brighter Tomorrows

Professional Learning and Development

It is a known fact that a child succeeds in the classroom when they have dedicated, well-trained educators. Ready At Five is committed to providing high-quality professional development and resources for the early childhood workforce through our School Readiness Symposia. In the Spring, over 180 people attended Coding as a Developmental Playground: Computational Thinking and Robotics featuring Dr. Marina Umaschi Bers, Ph.D., Professor and Chair of the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study & Human Development at Tufts University; and over 350 guests were in attendance as Junlei Li, Ph.D., Saul Zentz Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education and Dana Winters, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Child & Family Studies and Director of Simple Interactions & Academic Programs, Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media at Saint Vincent College delivered the keynote address on Looking for Helpers, Finding Hope at our December Symposium. In addition to our well-received Symposia, we also offered trainings in Cultural and Linguistic Competence, VIOLETS, Learning Parties, and Math Institutes.
Engaging Families

Ready At Five supported parents and family members as their child’s first teachers by increasing awareness and building strong family connections through Parent Leadership Learning Parties (PLLPs), general Learning Parties, and our publications and family resources.

Growing Partnerships

In 2019 we continued to partner with robust organizations that share our vision of every child in Maryland having the foundational skills needed for success in school, career and life. These collaborations are vital to our commitment to comprehensive school readiness for all children in Maryland.

• Bedtime in a Box
• Early Childhood Advisory Councils
• Every Parent Influences Children (EPIC)
• Judy Centers
• Local School Systems
• Maryland State Department of Education
• Maryland Public Television (MPT)

Ready At Five continued to help drive policy and practice by collaborating with the State Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Family Engagement Coalition, and the Maryland Coalition for Equity.

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- Sponsorships: 2%
- Fee for Service: 9%
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